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Mr. Hogan,

Thank you for letting our voices be heard. As a third generation fisherman and an interested stakeholder in this treaty it is my view that it is a significant detriment to me and my business. What seemed to be a venture that would benefit both countries turned out to be very lopsided in favor of the Canadian fisherman. In my opinion it's not a level playing field. As an American citizen and owner of a small business I feel like I am being overrun by non Americans in my own country. I certainly feel outnumbered and at times unsafe to the point where I have to leave good fishing areas because of too many Canadian boats. In these times of economic hardship I would hope my own country would do the right thing and help it's own citizens and do away with the treaty altogether. I think most American fisherman would feel the same way. This fishery is my livelihood, I'm passionate about it and depend on it to support my family like so many other American fisherman do. Therefore I feel this is a good opportunity to do the right thing and put American working families first.

Thank you, Thomas E. Cardosa U.S. F/V Tommy John 629-818